

Application No.: 09/590,925

Case No.: 55416US002

**Remarks**

Claims 1-13, 16 and 25-40 have been cancelled. Claims 14, 15, 17-24, and 41-73 are pending. In view of the above amendments, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the status of the application is requested, and the allowance of claims 14-15, 17-24, and 41-73, as amended, at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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